

The Role of the NDSD Future Services Plan (FSP) Transition Team (TT)

The NDSD Future Services Plan (FSP) Transition Team (TT) has the unique opportunity to assume an active role in the development and implementation of policies and decisions that will shape and change the service environment for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing in the state.

#1 – The TT is **responsible** to assess the current services provided by and uses of the North Dakota School for the Deaf (NDSD), evaluate and consider the current and future needs of the individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, and provide recommendations for NDSD's future use.

These recommendations will become a part of a larger plan for the provision of services to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing throughout the state that the Department of Public Instruction will present to the ND Legislature.

#2 – The TT is **encouraged** to explore the array of potential options and think creatively without undue influence or pressure from others.

#3 – The TT is **empowered** to identify and make sensible, consensus-based recommendations based on the current and anticipated future service needs of the deaf and hard of hearing citizens of the state.

#4 – The TT is **committed** to move the plan and its recommendations from paper to reality by sharing the story, educating the public, engaging partners and leading each Transition Team member's respective constituency.

The Transition Team's Constituency Representation:

- Transition Team members have been chosen and appointed because of their experience, their knowledge, their relationships to others who are stakeholders, and their commitment to services for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. As a result, they may be called upon to "wear many hats" during this process and serve as a communications conduit (to and from) others who are not specifically seated at the table. This makes them responsible to share this information, but does not require that the information is necessarily reflective of their own position(s).
- The process will be public, accessible, and transparent. Every effort will be made to encourage, receive, share and consider input from interested, concerned parties not specifically at the table.